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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT-REICHSBRUECKE REPLACEMENT

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1. MOST BRIDGE DESIGN-CONSTRUCTORS CONTACTED WERE OF THE OPINION THAT DEADLINE TOO SHORT ARRANGE ASSOCIATION WITH AUSTRIAN CIVIL ENGINEERS EUROPEAN EXPERTISE WITH CONSEQUENT COMPARATIVE COST ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF PROXIMITY PRECLUDE REALISTIC CHANCE OF US FIRMS COMPETING

ON CONSTRUCTION

2. FELIX KULKA, PRESIDENT, T.Y. LIN INTERNATIONAL, LEAVING OCTOBER 30 FOR SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND. SPECIALIZING IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING, T.Y. LIN HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN BRIDGE PROJECTS IN URUGUAY, COSTA RICA, LIBERIA, TAIWAN, MEXICO, HONG KONG, PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA, AND SINGAPORE AS WELL AS U.S. IF ANY CHANCE OF EXTENSION OCTOBER 28 DEADLINE OR IF EMBASSY HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AUSTRIAN FIRMS SEEKING OVERSEAS EXPERTISE, KULKA COULD VISIT VIENNA. PLEASE ADVISE.

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